

Marchetti

## LETTERS

### CIA COUNSEL CITES "ERROR" IN PW REPORT

EDITORS, PUBLISHERS WEEKLY:

In the July 31, 1972 issue of *Publishers Weekly*, an article entitled "Harper to Show CIA Proofs of New Book on Asian Drug Traffic," at page 50 states the CIA's procedure in reviewing Alfred W. McCoy's book is in sharp contrast to the government action on Victor L. Marchetti's book, under contract with Knopf. The article further states, "In that case, the Justice Department obtained in April a restraining order to prevent Mr. Marchetti from publishing the proposed book, on the ground that it would be likely to divulge currently classified information in violation of a secrecy agreement that Mr. Marchetti had made as a CIA employee." The statement made in your article is in error in that the government's case against Mr. Marchetti does not prevent publication of the book, but merely requires Mr. Marchetti to submit the manuscript to the Central Intelligence Agency in accordance with his agreement for review prior to publication for the sole purpose of ascertaining whether any currently classified material is contained in the manuscript.

It should be noted that subsequent to the Marchetti litigation another former Central Intelligence Agency employee, honoring his security undertaking, has sent a book to the Central Intelligence Agency and agreement was reached with the author on deletion of certain classified items prior to publication.

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